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SUBJECT: JOSE CARLOS MARIATEGUI ARELLANO

SUMMARY: THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 5 THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSE CARLOS MARIATEGUI ARELLANO AS ITS NEW AMBASSADOR TO CHILE. MARIATEGUI IS A SENIOR CAREER DIPLOMAT AND HAS HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SHAPING PERU'S THIRD WORLD DIPLOMACY STANCE.END SUMMARY.

1. BIOGRAPHIC DATA. DR. JOSE CARLOS MARIATEGUI ARELLANO WAS BORN IN LIMA ON JULY 21, 1929. HIS SECONDARY SCHOOLING WAS AT THE COLLEGE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN LIMA. HIS UNIVERSITY WORK WAS AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY. HIS DEGREE IS IN LAW. HE BEGAN HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER IN 1948 (PRESUMABLY AS A JUNIOR TRAINEE WHILE IN THE UNIVERSITY) WITH A SIX-YEAR TOUR IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HIS OVERSEAS POSTINGS INCLUDED: QUITO AS THIRD SECRETARY IN 1954; BOGOTA AS SECOND SECRETARY IN 1960; UNITED NATIONS AS SECOND SECRETARY TO PERMANENT PERUVIAN DELEGATION IN 1961, PROMOTED TO FIRST SECRETARY OF THE PERUVIAN DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA IN 1964; RETURN TO LIMA AS COUNSELOR AND CHIEF OF THE WORLD COMMERCE DEPARTMENT IN THE DIRECTORATE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MFA IN 1967; MINISTER AND DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN 1969; AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, ALSO ACCREDITED TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TAIWAN IN 1971; RETURNED TO LIMA IN 1973 TO
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ASSUME HIS PRESENT DUTIES AS UNDERSECRETARY OF PLANNING.

2. FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR IS MARRIED TO GENOVEVA DE ASCASUBI, WHO IS OF A WEALTHY ECUADORIAN FAMILY, (SHE IS A COUSIN OF GALLO PLAZA) AND THE COUPLE HAVE THREE CHILDREN. MRS. MARIATEGUI IS AN INTELLIGENT, WELL-INFORMED AND LIVELY SOCIAL PERSONALITY. SHE SPEAKS BETTER ENGLISH THAN HER HUSBAND AND WITH SLIGHT BRITISH ACCENT. (SHE IS BI-LINGUAL IN FRENCH (HER MOTHER IS FRENCH) AND AT LEAST 4-4 IN PORTUGUESE. THE AMBASSADOR IS A NEPHEW OF JOSE CARLOS MARIATEGUI (1895-1930) WHO IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO HAVE BEEN THE SEMINAL PERUVIAN INTELLECTUAL OF MODERN TIMES. THE SENIOR MARIATEGUI IS CLAIMED RESPECTIVELY BY THE PERUVIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND BY THE SOCIALISTS AS FOUNDER. AMBASSADOR MARIATEGUI, LIKE HIS FAMOUS NAMESAKE, IS SAID TO BE ILLEGITIMATE. THIS STATUS CARRIES NO STIGMA GENERALLY AND IS, IN FACT, NOT WIDELY KNOWN. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, SOME HARD FEELINGS BETWEEN THE SEVERAL LINES OF DESCENDANTS IN THE LARGE AND PRESTIGIOUS MARIATEGUI CLAN. ONE HALF BROTHER (OF THE LEGITIMATE LINE) WAS ALSO A SENIOR AMBASSADOR, AND THE PRESENT MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ADMIRAL FRANCISCO MARIATEGUI ANGULO, IS ALSO SAID TO BE HALF BROTHER.

3. EMBASSY ASSESSMENT. AS A DIPLOMAT MARIATEGUI TAKES A PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO WORLD AFFAIRS. HE IS SOMEWHAT OF A NERVOUS INDIVIDUAL WHO LIKES TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING CONSTANTLY ON THE MOVE AND USUALLY IS. HE IS A SERIOUS, DEEP AND CULTURED THINKER AND PERSONALITY. HE IS FULLY ATTUNED TO THE THIRD WORLD ORIENTATION OF PERUVIAN DIPLOMACY, AN AREA WHICH HAS BEEN HIS FORTÉ THE PAST TWO YEARS. EARLIER THIS YEAR HE WAS IN CHARGE OF AGENDA PLANNING FOR THE LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. AT THE SAME TIME HE IS REALISTIC AND CONSIDERATE OF OTHER INTERESTS. THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN LIMA FOUND MARIATEGUI RECEPTIVE TO THE ROK POSITION AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. HE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY TO AMBASSADOR DEAN AND WAS THE FIRST GOP OFFICIAL TO VOLUNTEER A FAVORABLE REACTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSALS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OUTLINED IN THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION IN SEPTEMBER 1975. THE EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION IS THAT MARIATEGUI

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WILL NOT ASSUME EXTREME ATTITUDES ON ISSUES. ALTHOUGH FORMAL AND RESERVED IN APPEARANCE, HE IS SOCIABLE, STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND WELL WORTH CULTIVATING. HE IS KNOWN TO BE CLOSE TO PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ. AMB. DEAN BELIEVES MARIATEGUI WILL BE HELPFUL IN ASSESSING THE STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PERU AND CHILE. DEAN

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